

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lapidum Warehouse Wharf (site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lapidum and Stafford Roads

CITY, TOWN

Lapidum

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☒ MUSEUM
☒ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
 Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

site only

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From the time when there was a ferry crossing at what is now Lapidum there had been enough commerce in the area to warrant the need for warehouses. In 1772, Jacob Giles, who owned Perkins' old mill on Herring Run and the original Rock Run Mill built a large stone warehouse north of the stream for the use of these mills as well as for the Cumberland Forge. John Stump purchased the building in 1794 for the storage of grain, lumber and iron from his concerns at Stafford and Rock Run. The hills nearby this site came to be known as "Pig Iron Landing" because of the involvement with local forges and furnaces. In 1813, a contingent of British troops from Admiral Cockburn's forces, fresh from the firing of Havre de Grace, visited the ferry landing and burned both the warehouse and a river vessel also belonging to Stump. Local residents persuaded the intruders from doing the same to Robert Bell's tavern and ferryhouse. After the death of John Stump, the property fell into the hands of Ann Archer, daughter of John Stump who owned the land when the settlement was rechristened as Lapidum in 1837 and laid out in 1858. The second warehouse was built in 1858 and it appears on the plat of Lapidum of that year. It was constructed by B. H. Heath and E. J. Rinehart and was located opposite the tidewater canal and Sappington's quarry wharf. Heath and Rinehart leased the property from Ann Archer and dealt in the lumber and fertilizer trade, utilizing the river and the canal for transportation. The warehouse continued to be used throughout the remainder of the century by local merchants; Davis and Pugh in the 1860's and Barnes and Archer in the 1880's. After this time, Lapidum began to decline as a commercial area and the warehouse was no more by the 1890's.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory-1953

Harford County Land Records

Mason, Samuel; Historical Sketches of Harford County, 1955, Intelligencer Press, Lancaster, Pa.Silver, Albert P.; Lapidum, 1888.Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Baltimore.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

1.09

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The plot of land is located on the Susquehanna River on the river's side of the old canal ditch, east of the intersection of Stafford and Lapidum Roads.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May 20, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-5656

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK PROPERTY

Lapidum Warehouse Wharf

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	576	83	In 1961, G. Howlett Cobourn sold 1.09 acres along the Susquehanna River to the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks.
GRG	549	551	K. Leigh Burkins, executor for the will of Joseph A. Burkins (died in 1958), sold the lot to G. Howlett Cobourn in 1960.
GRG	516	287	In 1958, K. Leigh Kintzel sold Joseph A. Burkins a small part of the tract called Lapidum or Bell's Ferry Lot.
GRG	516	284	Also in 1958, K. Leigh Kintzel bought the same plot of land from Joseph A. Burkins.
GRG	506	150	In 1958, the Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Company sold Joseph A. Burkins the plot of 1.09 acres at Bell's Ferry.
SWC	251	362	In 1938, Marie deGoll Patterson sold the parcel to the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore.
SWC	237	405	Marie E. deGoll intended to convey the property to the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore. She had received the land, among other properties from the last will and testament of Mary A. Archer in 1926. (Will AJG 19 332)
ALJ	66	332	In 1890, Henry W. Archer, Jr., and others and Robert Archer, trustee, all in the interest of the estate of Henry W. Archer, Sr. settled the latter Archer's will (WSR 10 293) in 1883. The property involved entailed: "all that part of a tract or parcel of land in Said Harford County called Lapidum which was purchased by Said H. W. Archer deceased from himself as executor of his mother Ann Archer." This is further discussed in the 1860 wills of Ann Archer (BHH 8 25, 262).
ALJ	99	223 and 229	In 1857, Ann Archer leased the property to B. H. Heath and E. J. Rinehart, the lot being described as part of the Lapidum or Bell's Ferry Lot, lying between the river and the canal. This land was previously held in the Archer family for some time.
HD	2	373	In 1817, Cassandra Stump, widow of John Stump, conveyed the large tract where Lapidum is now located to Ann Archer.
HD	R	229	John Stump purchased this tract from Samuel Gover in 1804.
JLG	N	467	Samuel Gover obtained 273 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres from his father, Gerrard Gover, in 1797.

